

CHAPTER NO. 685

SENATE BILL NO. 710

By Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 76

By Odom

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 46.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 46-2-403(e), is amended by redesignating subsection (e) as subdivision (e)(1), and by adding the following as a new subsection to be designated as (e)(2):


(e)(2) For the purposes of this part, procurement costs for interment services including, but not limited to, entombment and inurnment services, shall not be lower than the following: one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for interment services, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for entombment services, and forty dollars (\$40) for inurnment services. The basis for determining the procurement costs for these interment services shall be provided to the commissioner annually and verified at the time of audit. The commissioner shall increase such minimum costs by the consumer price index of each calendar year beginning on January 1, 2003.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no operator or business licensed pursuant to this title shall violate any provision of the Federal Trade Act, U.S. Code Title 15, relative to the sale of prearranged funeral plans or burial services.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 24, 2002**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2002**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR